THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) The Delhi Development Authority has reported that no specific survey has been conducted in this regard. However, the detection and removal of various type of encroachments on DDA lands, including those close to various religious places, is a continuous process. As and when such encroachments are noticed, these are remove from the thoroughfares.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The encroachments near the Shiv Temple and the Mosque at Tilak Bridge have been removed from time to time, but these encroachments have the tendency to reapear time and again after their removal. Action for removal of the existing encroachments has been taken in hand by the Delhi Development Authority.

Involvement of Politician to Monitor Development Schemes

2624. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to involve political representatives in implementation and monitoring of different urban and rural development schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is proposed to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) The Constitution Seventy third Amendment Act 1992 on the Panchayats and the Constitution Seventy-fourth Amendment Act 1992 on Municipalities provide that the legislature of a State may, by law, endow the Panchayats|Municipalities with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as institutions of self-government and such law may contain provisions for the devolution of powers and responsibilities upon Panchayats|Municipalities at the appropriate level with respect to the preparation of plans for economic develoment and social justice and the implementation of schemes for economic development and social justice as may be entrusted to them including those in relation to the matters listed in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution Seventy-third Amendment Act 1992 and the Twelfth Schedule of the Constitution Seventy-fourth Amendment Act 1992 respectively. The legislature of a State may by law, provide for the repersentation of the members of the House of the People, the members of the Legislative Assembly of the State, the members of the Council of States and the members of Legislative Council of the State in the composition of Panchayats|Municipalities.

Amendment of the Delhi rent (control) Act

2625. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Trader-Tenants haven't had things all their pay in Rent Act changes" which appeared in the Times of India (New Delhi edition), dated the 26th July, 1997;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) by when the amended Bill is likely to be notified; and

(d) whether Government propose to review the amendments in view of widespread protest in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir